

# JESUS' GREATEST WORDS

## Part 1 of 6: Forgiveness

1. FORGIVENESS
2. ASSURANCE
3. SUBSTITUTION
4. TRUST
5. LOVE
6. VICTORY

*Luke 23:27ff Great crowds trailed along behind him, including many grief-stricken women. But Jesus turned and said to them, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves' . . . Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. Finally, they came to a place called The Skull. All three were crucified there—Jesus on the center cross, and the two criminals on either side. Then Jesus said, 'FATHER FORGIVE THEM, for they do not know what they are doing.'*

## WHAT DO WE NORMALLY DO WITH OUR GUILT?

1. We try to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*Psalm 32: 3-5 (NLT) When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.*

Everybody here has a favorite way of trying to bury the past:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ others.

Genesis 3:12 (LB) *Yes, Adam admitted, but it was the woman YOU gave me who brought me some, and I ate it."*

3. We \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves up.

Psalms 38:4, 6 (NIV) *David says ... My guilt has overwhelmed me; like a load it weighs me down... because I was foolish, I am bent over and bowed down; I am sad all day long.*

## WHAT DOES JESUS WANT YOU TO DO WITH YOUR GUILT?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Proverb 20:27 (GN) *The Lord gave us a mind and a conscience. We cannot hide from ourselves.*

- To stop defeating myself I must stop \_\_\_\_\_ myself.
- What are you pretending is not a problem in your life?
- Personal Moral Inventory

2. Accept \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Ask for \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 1:9 *If we freely admit that we have sinned, we find God utterly reliable...he forgives your sins and makes us thoroughly clean from all that is evil.*